

## **WICOMICO COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE**

<b><i>Farm Numbers</i></b> <sup>1</sup>	<b><i>1992</i></b>	<b><i>1997</i></b> <sup>3</sup>	<b><i>2002</i></b>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	684	624	512
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	133	148	173
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	91,254	92,057	88,470

<b><i>Livestock Inventory</i></b> <sup>1</sup>	<b><i>1992</i></b>	<b><i>1997</i></b> <sup>3</sup>	<b><i>2002</i></b>
<i>Cattle</i>	1,526	2,027	2,986
<i>Hogs</i>	12,208	3,669	708
<i>Sheep</i>	225	310	469

<b><i>2002 Value of Sales</i></b> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			174,594
<i>Poultry &amp; Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			147,281
<i>Nursery &amp; Greenhouse (\$1,000)</i>			13,594
<i>Grains &amp; Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			7,534

<b><i>Demographic Data</i></b> <sup>1</sup>	<b><i>1992</i></b>	<b><i>1997</i></b> <sup>3</sup>	<b><i>2002</i></b>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	52.8	54.1	54.9
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	10.5	12.7	13.7

<b><i>2002 Equine Census</i></b>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			650
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			2,260
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$9,860,000

<b><i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i></b> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	8	<i>Soybeans</i>	7
<i>Barley</i>	12	<i>Vegetables</i>	5
<i>Forage</i>	18	<i>Wheat</i>	11

<b><i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i></b> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	11	<i>Milk Cows</i>	17
<i>Broilers</i>	1	<i>Sheep</i>	12
<i>Hogs</i>	12		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	23,000	162.6	3,740,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	24,600	61.2	1,505,300
	<i>2003</i>	22,800	125.3	2,856,800
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2002</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2003</i>	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	29,600	40.0	1,184,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	26,400	21.5	567,300
	<i>2003</i>	25,000	40.5	1,013,500
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	5,500	60.0	330,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	5,200	63.5	330,300
	<i>2003</i>	3,300	39.4	130,000
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	3,100	2.4	7,500
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	2,700	2.5	6,700
	<i>2003</i>	1,900	2.4	4,600
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2002</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2003</i>	*	*	*

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\* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$58.65	\$53.91	\$58.56

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